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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: NEED FOR ALLIED POSITION ON
VERIFICATION AND STABILIZING MEASURES BY
DECEMBER 2

REF: MBFR VIENNA 0299

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO VIENNA, FRG DISARMAMENT HEAD
HELMUT ROTH INFORMED US THAT, IN MBFR DISCUSSION WITH
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, LATTER HAD CONFIRMED AS FRG POSITION
THE GENERAL LINE OF ROTH'S APPROACH TO VERIFICATION
DESCRIBED IN STATE 217510. THIS INDICATES THAT GERMANS
NOW WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS APPROACH
AND THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON
THESE LINES IN NATO IF WASHINGTON AGENCIES AGREED.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND WASHINGTON AGENCIES THAT,
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IN THE PLENARY SESSION ON DECEMBER 5, THE ALLIES WILL

BE MAKING THEIR ONLY PRESENTATION IN THIS ROUND
ON VERIFICATION AND STABILIZING MEASURES.
WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL FOR THE ALLIES
TO PUT FORWARD AT THAT TIME SOME SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSAL
ON VERIFICATION. THIS NEED NOT BE DETAILED OR FORMALIZED,
AND NEED AMOUNT TO ONLY ONE OR TWO PARAGRAPHS DES-
CRIBING THE APPROACH THE ALLIES INTEND TO TAKE AND
GOING BEYOND THE GENERALITIES THUS FAR ADVANCED (SEE
VIENNA 2264). WE THEREFORE URGE THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES
SEND PERTINENT INSTRUCTIONS ON US POSITION ON VERIFICA-
TION TO USNATO AND THAT LATTER BE AUTHORIZED TO SEEK
TO DEVELOP IN SPC BRIEF GUIDANCE FOR AD HOC GROUP
FOR USE ON DECEMBER 5.

3. THE ALLIES WILL ALSO NEED ON THE SAME OCCASION TO
DEVOTE PART OF THEIR PRESENTATION TO STABILIZING
MEASURES. THE ONLY NEW IDEA AVAILABLE TO BE INTRO-
DUCED IN THIS CONTEXT AT THIS TIME IS A DESCRIPTION OF
THE EXCEPTIONS WHICH US VISUALIZES. IT
IS SUGGESTED THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES REQUEST USNATO
TO PROPOSE THAT AD HOC GROUP BE AUTHORIZED TO INCLUDE
A SENTENCE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES IN ITS PRESENTATION
ON STABILIZING MEASURES: QUOTE: WE HAVE IN MIND THAT
PHASE I POST-REDUCTION GROUND FORCE MANPOWER LEVELS MIGHT BE
EXCEEDED FOR MAJOR MILITARY EXERCISES BY UP TO 20,000
MEN FOR UP TO 60 DAYS ONCE EACH YEAR. END QUOTE. THIS
LANGUAGE IS BASED ON THE HIGH-LEVEL INSTRUCTION CONTAINED
IN STATE 211141. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS CONTINUED
DISCUSSION IN JCS ABOUT THE PROBLEM THAT SMALL-SCALE
EXERCISES MIGHT EAT UP THE 60-DAY ELIGIBILITY. INCLUDING
THE WORD MAJOR SHOULD ALLOW ENOUGH LEEWAY FOR SUBSEQUENT
REFINEMENT WHILE CONVEYING THE IDEA WE DESIRE TO THE EAST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE REQUEST THAT GUIDANCE BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO USNATO ON BOTH THESE SUBJECTS IN TIME TO ALLOW
FOR GUIDANCE TO REACH THE AD HOC GROUP BY DECEMBER 2
AT THE LATEST. RESOR

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